

the GS-11 level may occur after satisfactory completion of 1 year of continuous service. Under 5 CFR 213.3102(ii), intern positions are authorized only at the GS-9 and GS-11 levels. Therefore, the agency has the option of promoting an intern to the GS-12 level on or after the date of conversion to the competitive service.

(e) *Citizenship.* Interns do not need to be United States citizens during their internship. However, if a noncitizen intern is hired, the agency must make sure that:

(1) The intern is lawfully admitted to the United States as a permanent resident or otherwise is authorized to be employed by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service;

(2) The agency is authorized to pay the noncitizen under the annual appropriations act ban or any agency-specific enabling appropriation statute; and

(3) The intern acquires United States citizenship prior to conversion under 5 CFR 315.708.

(f) *Extensions.* Agencies must request, in writing, OPM approval to extend an internship for up to 1 additional year beyond the authorized 2 years in order to provide the intern with additional training and developmental activities. The request should be submitted no later than 60 days prior to the end of the initial 2-year period.

#### **§ 362.203 Conversion to competitive service.**

(a) In accordance with 5 CFR 315.708, employees who are United States citizens and have successfully completed Presidential Management Internships may be converted noncompetitively to career or career-conditional appointments in positions for which they are qualified.

(b) Conversions will be effective on the date the 2-year service requirement is met, unless the internship is extended by the agency, with approval of OPM, for up to one additional year.

(c) Agencies must inform the OPM PMI Program office when an individual will not be converted.

#### **§ 362.204 Resignation, termination, and reduction in force.**

(a) *Resignation.* An employee who resigns during the internship does not have reinstatement eligibility for competitive service positions and cannot be re-internted to the PMI Program.

(b) *Termination.* The appointment of a Presidential Management Intern expires at the end of the 2-year internship period. At that time, the employing agency may, with no break in service, convert the intern to a career or career-conditional appointment in accordance with 5 CFR 315.708, or extend the internship in accordance with § 362.202(b). If neither action is taken, the PMI appointment terminates.

(c) *Reduction in force.* Presidential Management Interns are in the excepted service Tenure Group II for purposes of § 351.502 of this chapter.

#### **§ 362.205 Movement of interns between departments or agencies.**

To move from one agency to another during the internship, the intern must separate from the current agency and be reappointed under PMI appointment by the new employing agency without a break in service. The intern does not begin a new 2-year internship period; the time previously served under the PMI Program counts toward the completion of the 2-year period. The new employing agency must notify the OPM PMI Program office of the action.

#### **§ 362.206 Career development.**

(a) *OPM responsibilities.* OPM will:

(1) Provide orientation and graduation programs for each intern class; and

(2) Serve as a clearinghouse of available training opportunities.

(b) *Agency responsibilities.* Each agency will:

(1) Work with the intern to develop a written outline of core competencies and technical skills (called an individual development plan) the intern must gain before conversion to a target position;

(2) Provide at least 80 hours of formal training a year, including training in core competencies targeted to a functional area into which the intern will most likely be converted; and